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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Subject: Lecture at the National War College

As a result of a healthy and "inquisitive" interest evidenced in CIA among the students at the NWC, some of the following questions may be asked you if not covered in your lecture:

1. The number of personnel employed.
2. How is the budget handled?
3. Could not the recent publicity with reference to our "100 people" a year have been avoided?
4. Do we conduct overseas operations?
5. Would it be wise for the U.S. to organize resistance movements in Russia and the iron curtain countries—that is resistance movements there against the Communist Party activities here?
6. What should U.S. policy be with reference to the exchange of intelligence information with Atlantic Pact countries?
7. Is there any value in the use of black propaganda? If so, should the same agency conduct both types—overt and covert? If not, how much coordination should be exercised?
8. What is our relationship with the FBI?
9. How is coordination conducted between CIA and the other intelligence agencies? Are the relationships amiable?
10. What role would CIA play in time of war?
11. Do we coordinate any of our activities with the British?

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12. How do we collect our information?

13. Is there a free exchange of information between CIA and the other U.S. intelligence agencies [redacted]

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14. To whom is CIA responsible?

15. What measures are taken to prevent Communist infiltration within CIA?

16. Does CIA have any domestic responsibilities?

17. What is the status of an officer of the Armed Services assigned to CIA?

18. What dissemination is made of the intelligence and intelligence studies produced by CIA?

19. What is our relationship and responsibility to the JCS?

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20. Is the Director appointed for any specific length of time?

[redacted] prefaced his "question and answer" period by stating that for security reasons he possibly could not answer all questions, and he invoked this rule several times.

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